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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, March 16, 2012, at 10 a.m.

Senate

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Dr. Winford L. Hindrex, senior pastor of the Ardmore Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Awesome Creator, sovereign Lord of our great Nation, You must have been excited when You first dreamed of creating—out of nothing—this beautiful, complex world with all its natural beauty: birds of the air, fish of the sea, animals of the Earth, and humans to care for all of this and to love You infinitely.

Loving, visionary God, infuse in these women and men, known as the United States Senate, Your dream of our Nation here and now in the 21st century. Give to them not only a vision of how things can be, but also give to them the nitty-gritty know-how to make Your dream a reality for every person in this great land. And dare we say it, may they and all of us make You excited yet again as we partner with You to actualize Your dream for this Nation.

We pray in Your awesome, loving, creative Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TOM UDALL led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 15, 2012.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule 1, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

THANKING SENATOR BURR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we appreciate Senator BURR arranging for this good man to come and offer the prayer this morning. We appreciate that very much.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Following leader remarks the Senate will be in morning business until 11 a.m., with the majority controlling the first 30 minutes and the Republicans controlling the second 30 minutes. Following morning business we will begin consideration of the IPO bill, H.R. 3606, the initial public offering for which those letters stand. At 2 p.m. there will be a rollcall vote on Groh, followed by Fitzgerald. These are trial judges in our Federal court system. Additional votes are possible today.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2191

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am told that S. 2191 is due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2191) to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to prohibit the attorney general from administering or enforcing certain accessibility regulations relating to pools at public accommodations or provided by public entities.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I would object to further proceedings on this matter at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

RECOGNIZING BARBARA MIKULSKI

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on Saturday Senator BARBARA MIKULSKI becomes the longest serving woman in

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